

January 3, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham had the invocation. The Board had the pledge.

Chairman Wooten reminded everyone that if they wished to address the Board, they would need to do so during public comments.

Public comments

Ricky McCollum, Yadkinville, addressed the Board concerning the intersection of Shacktown Road and UNIFI. He asked the Board to contact DOT about the possibility of installing a caution light due to safety issues.

Minutes

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the regular minutes and closed session minutes with changes. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Administration-employee recognition

Mr. Wood recognized county employees for their years of service. Mr. Wood commented Yadkin County succeeds because of the employees' dedication and willingness to serve the citizens.

Name	Years of Service
Thomas Helms	5 years
John Hicks	5 years
Cathy Hawks	5 years
Judy Myers	5 years
David Matthews	5 years
Kim Schimmeck	5 years
James Robison	5 years
Heather Spicer	5 years
Penny Everhart	5 years
Tonja Strickland	5 years
Cheri Cranfill	5 years
Katie Tysinger	5 years
Randy Renegar	5 years
Brenda Loudermilk	5 years
Sheila Greer	5 years
Janet Choplin	10 years
Corenna Dopkowski	10 years
Patricia Belton	10 years
Mary Moxley	10 years
Michael Pate	15 years
Tenia Vestal	15 years
Karen Wheeler	15 years
Mary Adams	15 years
Joan Wagoner	15 years
Keith Macy	20 years
Mike Reavis	20 years
Richard James Edwards	25 years
Lou Ganzzermiller	25 years
Anne White	25 years
Linda Gough	30 years
Donna Cranfill	35 years

Mr. Wood thanked the employees for a job well-done.

Health Department-budget amendment

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
Healthy Carolinians State Grant Money	104519044215	-0-	5,000	5,000
Expenses				
Salaries	105519051010	29,645	5,000	34,645

*Received additional state money for Healthy Carolinians salaries.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Healthy Carolinians Salary	105519051010	34,645	(5,000)	29,645
Supplies	105519051010	1,500	5,000	6,500

*Moving Health Promotion State money from salary to supplies to cover Healthy Carolinians/Health Promotions projects.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
Family Planning	104516444203	40,085	3,018	43,103
Expense				
Contract Services	105516451700	-0-	3,018	3,018

*Additional State money for Family Planning Services.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Revenue				
Family Planning	104516444203	43,103	10,210	53,313
Expense				
Supplies	105516452010	7,500	10,210	17,710

*Additional state money for Family Planning Services.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amended Budget
Expense				
Nursing/Medical	105511152053	16,450	(1,000)	15,450
Asthma Supplies	105511152056	-0-	1,000	1,000

*Moving State Asthma funds to correct line item.

Recommendation: Health Director recommends approval by Board of Health. Approved by Board of Health 12-20-05.

Commissioner Phillips asked if April Pardue wrote the grant to pay her salary, if so she is to be commended.

Mr. Reavis replied Ms. Pardue wrote the grant.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the budget amendment. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5- 0.**

Elections- filing fees for Sheriff and Register of Deeds

Mr. Wood reviewed the process for setting filing fees for the Sheriff and Register of Deeds. The fees are normally a percentage of the salary which is a step one for that pay grade.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to set the filing fees as follows; \$478 for the Sheriff, based on step one for that pay grade and \$378 for the Register of Deeds also based on step one for that pay grade.**

***Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Mr. Wood discussed information regarding the new voting machines. The state currently has one vendor to supply new machines to all counties. There is concern whether this company can supply all the machines in time for the primaries. The software for the machines was obtained by a third party and they do not want to release the information to the state. Some counties are thinking of using their old machines and challenging the state due to the lack of supply. Mr. Wood stated the guidelines for the state are more detailed than at the federal level. The current machines meet federal guidelines. State law mandates the machines have to be ordered by January 20th. There are a lot of unanswered questions, therefore David Thompson, NCACC Director, has suggested each county send a letter to their representatives regarding SB223, asking for an extension of time. Mr. Wood stated worse case scenario would be to use paper ballots, counting them by hand.

The Board discussed the primary and the effects this would have on the primary.

Commissioner Phillips stated that from the information she received from David Thompson, there are no funds to buy the new machines.

Mr. Wood stated the process is unraveling; moving to quickly without a lot of information.

Chairman Wooten read the suggested letter from David Thompson. He encouraged the Board to send the letter.

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to send the letter to our elected officials. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

The Board discussed the workshop to be held by the Board of Elections.

Mr. Wood stated it is required by law to hold the workshop.

Chairman Wooten asked Mr. Wood to check with the Board of Elections and report back at the January 9th workshop.

Commissioner Phillips inquired about the wine referendum.

Commissioner Sneed stated having the referendum at the primary will save the county \$20,000.

Economic Development-update

Mr. Todd updated the Board on economic development in the county. He also reminded the Board of the Annual Chamber Dinner, January 24th

Chairman Wooten asked if there had been any inquires about the Hwy 21/ Hwy 421 waterlines.

Mr. Todd responded there had been some general discussions.

Mr. Wood stated the article has sparked interest with the property owners in the area.

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Casstevens inquired about the roof at Richmond Hill Law School.

Mr. Wood stated the job had been completed.

Commissioner Casstevens asked about the roof at the jail and if other improvements were needed at the jail.

Mr. Wood stated the jail is an old building, but the county is in compliance with state regulations.

Commissioner Casstevens asked about the courthouse renovations.

Mr. Wood stated he is meeting with architects this week and next week. He has spoken with other managers regarding the companies they have used for this type of work. Mr. Wood stated he hopes to bring back some information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sneed stated he is very concerned about the issues at the courthouses. He reminded the Board he asked them to recess an earlier meeting and go look at the bullpens, but no one wanted to go, so now a Judge has stepped in. We started out with estimates at \$15,000-\$16,000 putting steel on the walls. The proposal now is to move the bullpens to the other side which could be very costly. Commissioner Sneed asked if the Board thought we could go back to the Judge with the original plan?

Commissioner Sneed stated the jail can house 29 male prisoners; female prisoners are housed in other counties. There are serious issues at the jail which need to be addressed. A Judge approached him regarding the long term plan the county is proposing to develop and how he would like to be a part of that process. Commissioner Sneed commented the jail has had as many as 60 prisoners at one time. The county faces the possibility of having the jail shut down due to violations and this would be very costly to the county. Commissioner Sneed stated the county owns land at Reavis Road which would be a good location for the jail. He asked the Board to consider developing a long term plan soon. He informed the Board the bond for schools would be paid off in two years, so that money could be applied to this project. Commissioner Sneed yielded the floor to John Matthews, EMS.

Mr. Matthews reported on the EMS projects; everything is on schedule.

Chairman Wooten questioned the brick veneer.

Mr. Matthews stated it was in the plan which was approved by the Board.

The Board discussed building costs.

Commissioner Phillips stated she received an email from Carol Smith who belongs to a group that makes quilts for fallen soldiers. The organization presented the Swaims' with one of their quilts in memory of the son, Daniel Swaim.

Commissioner Phillips asked Mr. Wood to check with DOT regarding the intersection at Shacktown Road and UNIFI

Commissioner Phillips discussed the park and how it is not ADA compliant. She would like the park added to the long term plan for the county.

Mr. Wood discussed some of the issues at the park and how the county has tried to meet the needs of the handicap by providing handicap accessible port-a-johns and golf carts to access different areas in the park. Mr. Boyette is working on building a new concession stand with new bathrooms with a cost of \$50,000; parks and recreation budget is \$180,000.

Mr. Wood stated the pool generates revenue to cover pool costs. Mr. Boyette is offering different programs to help supplement the park's budget.

Commissioner Phillips stated she met with Amy Crump and Jose Gonzalez regarding the task force to bring about a better understanding with the Hispanic community. She will keep the Board updated.

Commissioner Phillips discussed some of issues facing Yadkin County; what would happen if UNIFI pulled out, a new tier rating for the county. She agreed that Yadkin County does need a long term plan to follow. She also asked about the NC Revolving loan.

Mr. Wood reported everything is very positive; will know more later.

Commissioner Phillips stated she would like to have a closed session to discuss the positions in Finance and Planning.

Chairman Wooten stated he received a call about trash blowing off the back of a trash truck. He asked Mr. Wood to follow-up.

Chairman Wooten encouraged everyone to come to the workshop prepared to move the county forward.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood updated the Board on the Hwy 601 Project. If the weather cooperates, the project should be done by July or August of this year.

The Board discussed various routes for waterlines.

Mr. Wood asked the Board if they would like to meet with the Board of Education at the Success Academy and if they wished to have dinner or change the meeting time to 7:00 p.m.

The Board agreed to meet with the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m. at the Success Academy January 30th.

Mr. Wood reviewed the issue of the numbered receipts. The receipts and money are matching

Mr. Wood reminded the Board of the scheduled meetings for January

- January 9th - Workshop
- January 11th - Board of Elections Workshop
- January 16th - Commissioners' Meeting
- January 30th - Board of Education

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to back to order.

Closed Session-personnel

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to go in closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), personnel. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Sneed opposed.**

Attorney Graham handed out the tax collection report.

The Board discussed foreclosures.

Recess

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to recess the meeting until January 9th at 6:30 p.m, Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board

